

## DONA ANA POLITICS.

### Some Observations Concerning the Last Campaign.

#### How "Old Timer" Looks at the Future for the White Metal.

LAS CRUCES, Dec. 8.—The reverberating echoes of the battle have died out, the volume of smoke has vanished in whirling eddies and all is quiet along the line of the Rio Grande. The frauds perpetrated commenced with registration and we do not know whether they terminated with the close on election day or not, the amount of fraud charged by both parties does not make a very bright showing for statehood, it proves one of two things, that we are either capable of a vast amount of political iniquity or incompetent for the duties and obligations of self government. The party in power held all the big trumps and had the best chances to play a swindling game, but they charge also fraud on the part of the republicans. The consequence is more than half the candidates are involved in a contest muddle and it will take some time to straighten out the interminable tangle. The change of base in the states was no surprise to any thoughtful person. Aside from its being an off year when such sporadic movements of the people are common, there were very many aggravating circumstances.

The causes leading to the unprecedented hard times, can be clearly traced to the vicious legislation inflicted on the country prior to the incoming of the present administration. The contraction of the currency brought about by the entire destruction of silver, and the paralysis of the mining industry was quite sufficient to wreck the country and create a world of suffering, but when to this was added the crushing burdens of a remorseless tariff fearful ruin was brought to every door in the land. How could it be otherwise? The people were crushed to death between these two infernal millstones that were eternally grinding them to atoms, the first cut off our money supply and McKinleyism imposed a heavy burden of taxation on the people. That tariff law choked up the channels of commerce and trade reducing the country to the dire conditions of famine pestilence and war. Apalling clouds of stagnation hung over the country, and if the angel Gabriel had given a few blasts on his bugle who would have been surprised? The people were utterly disgusted with our do nothing congress which should have passed the reform tariff bill six months before they did, and let the country see its operation.

As any person could see would naturally be the case, they were repudiated

by the people at the polls and left at home as they deserved to be. It was not a campaign of money or whisky. It was nothing short of an indignant uprising of the people to punish the members of congress. There was no protection or currency or any issue of the kind in it. In their desperation the people rushed madly for a change and now they have it with a vengeance. The forecast of the next election is that silver will be the main issue with three silver parties in the field—namely, the democrats, the populists and the silver party. The republicans have always been the gold-bug party, and may insert a straddle such as "protection and bimetallism" but such words will have no meaning in the next election. It signifies a very indefinite quantity, and no person can be gulled by such phrases any longer. But I think there will have to be a consolidation of the silver parties otherwise the G. O. P. will get on top again.

The populist party, did not cover themselves with glory in Las Cruces. Their numbers were very small and we would have given them some credit for sincerity of purpose if they had not turned the whole thing into a farce. By refusing to put up a county ticket and endorsing the republican party, they showed plainly that they were nothing more than a sideshow to the republican circus. I think Mills or some of the leaders ought to give them a curtain lecture and not allow them to stultify themselves, and besmirch the blooming party. After declaring in solemn conclave that they had severed their connection for ever, from the old parties for the alleged reason that "both parties were rotten" they fell back into the arms of the republicans and voted for them on their ticket, with the glittering emblem of a silver dollar. I could not help from telling them, that they returned like the dog to his vomit, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

OLD TIMER.

Notice for Publication.  
LAND OFFICE AT LAS CRUCES, N. M.,  
November 15, 1894.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before probate judge or probate clerk of Grant Co., N. M., at Silver City, N. M., on December 23rd, 1894, viz.: William Fleming, heir-at-law of Eli G. Fleming, dec'd., who made Homestead Application No. 239 on January 7th, 1883, for the e 1/4 of s-e 1/4 and s-e 1/4 of n-e 1/4 sec. 14, township 15 south, range 17 west. By order of the honorable commissioner of the General Land Office, as per his letter "C" of October 22, 1894, William Fleming will be allowed to submit his part of the testimony before the President Judge of the judicial district composed of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, on the day and year above mentioned.

He names the following witnesses to prove the continuous residence of Eli G. Fleming, dec'd., upon and cultivation of said land, by him and the subsequent cultivation of said land by William Fleming, viz:

W. A. Heather, of Gila, Grant Co., N. M.  
W. B. Horn, of Gila, Grant Co., N. M.  
W. C. Slayback, of Gila, Grant Co., N. M.  
Kitt Conn, of Gila, Grant Co., N. M.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the interior department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

JOHN D. BRYAN,  
Register.

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No. 806, Arrives.	DESTINATION.	No. 805, Departs.
4:00 p. m.	Silver City	10:10 a. m.
1:10 "	Deming	12:40 p. m.
12:40 "	Nutt	12:50 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	Rincon	1:40 p. m.
10:40 "	Las Cruces	3:20 "
8:05 "	El Paso	5:08 "
5:20 a. m.		7:40 p. m.
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